Panchayat elections have been held and it is now the Panchayti Raj Institutions, which have been entrusted with the work of implementation.

Wasteland in the country

2186. SHRIAIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is 60 million hectares of waste land and degraded land in the country;

(b) if so, the estimated hectares of such land in Maharashtra/Andhra Pradesh/Madhya Pradesh/UP/Rajasthan; and

(c) what are the plans for bringing it under cultivation or forest cover under the Tenth five Year Plan, the State-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) As per the 'Wastelands Atlas of India, 2000' brought out by the Department of Land Resources (DoLR) using Remote Sensing satellite data, the total extent of wastelands/degraded land in the country is 63.85 m. ha.

(b) The area of wasteland as per the Wastelands Atlas of India, 2000, is 5.35 m. ha. in the State of Maharashtra, 5.17 m. ha. in the State of Andhra Pradesh, 6.97 m. ha. in the State of Madhya Pradesh, 3.88 m. ha. in the State of Uttar Pradesh and 10.56 m. ha. in the State of Rajasthan.

(c) During the Tenth Five Year Plan, an amount of Rs. 4400 crores has been allocated for the implementation of the three major Watershed Development Schemes *viz.* Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP), Desert Development Programme (DDP) and Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) in the country. States are sanctioned new projects each year on the basis of specific proposals. During 2002-03, the first year of the Tenth Five Year Plan, the Scheme-wise release of funds on account of Central share to the States mentioned in part (b) to the question is as follows:

(Rs. incrores)

State	Name of the Scheme		
	IWDP	DDP	DPAP
Andhra Pradesh	10.55	6.41	31.53
Madhya Pradesh	21.46	—	37.27
Maharashtra	5.75	—	12.95
Rajasthan	6.11	58.41	12.80
Uttar Pradesh	11.26	—	11.77

Target for drinking water schemes during Ninth and Tenth Plan

2187. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of target fixed for drinking water scheme in the Ninth Plan and the achievements made by Government in this regard, State-wise;

(b) the details of target fixed for drinking water scheme during the Tenth Plan; and

(c) the details of steps taken to achieve the above targets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) to (c) Drinking water supply being a State subject schemes for providing drinking water facilities are implemented by the States from their own resources. The Government of India supplements the efforts of the States by providing financial assistance under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP).The powers to plan, sanction and implement Rural Water Supply schemes under the above programmes rests with the State Governments. A Statement showing target and coverage of rural habitations with drinking water supply facility for Ninth Five Year Plan is given *(See* below). During Tenth Plan period, target is to cover all Not Covered (16018) and Partially Covered (1,33,513) habitations in the first 2 years (2002-03 and 2003-04). The slipped Fully Covered and Partially Covered habitations to lower categories identified before April, 2004, will be covered in the last 3 years of Tenth Plan period (2004-05 to 2006-07).